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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

## (INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: **Commissioner for Patents**  
**Box RCE**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450** Attorney Docket No.:826.1621

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Application No. 09/665,159 Group Art Unit 2623

Filing Date September 19, 2000 Examiner V. Kibler

CPA Filing Date Confirmation No 4866

Title of Invention APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MATCHING FINGERPRINT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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### Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 1, 2004.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other

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### Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

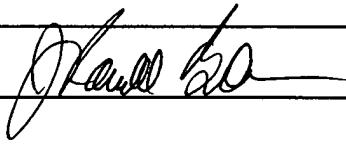
b.  Other

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01 FC:1801 790.00 DA  
02 FC:1253 550.00 DA

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 1, 2004.  
STAAS & HALSEY  
By: D. Woods  
Date: 12/7/04



	BASIC FEE	\$ 790.00	
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>September 1, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$430); 3 months (\$980); 4 months (\$1,530); 5 months (\$2,080));	520.00		
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			
Total of above Calculations =	\$ 1310.00		
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>	<b>\$ 1310.00</b>		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$ \$1310.00</u> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)			
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>			
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>			
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>			
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
NAME	J. Randall Beckers	REGISTRATION NO.	30,358
SIGNATURE		DATE	12/1/04